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SUBJ: CSCE: STATEMENT IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE JUNE 27

1. CHIEF USDEL MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE JUNE 27. QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND HAS MADE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF CSCE. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO MOVE ON TO STAGE III OF THE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS STAGE II HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE ALWAYS HOPED THAT STAGE II COULD BE CONCLUDED AT AN EARLY DATE. WE HAVE NEVER OBJECTED TO THE IDEA OF A STAGE III TOWARD THE END OF JULY, AND, IN PRINCIPLE, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO SUCH A TIME FRAME NOW.

UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE PROGRESS OF STAGE II HAS THUS FAR NOT BEEN WHAT WE HOPED IT WOULD BE, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THIS FACT A STAGE III IN JULY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A REALISTIC OPTION.

I AM SURE I EXPRESS THE VIEW OF MANY DELEGATIONS IN THIS ROOM WHEN I SAY THAT WE SINCERELY REGRET THIS SITUATION,
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ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE EFFORTS WHICH THE FINNISH

GOVERNMENT AHAS UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE A STAGE III IN JULY
POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

2. ABOVE STATEMENT WAS SUPPORTED ONLY BY NORWEGIAN DELEGA-
TION ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN SHOWN TO AND APPROVED BY NATO
CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE.
THE SOVIET BLOC WAS UNANIMOUS IN EXPRESSING OPTIMISM THAT
STAGE II COULD BE CONCLUDED IN JULY AND RESISTED ANY SUGGES-
TION OF RECESS.

WHEN DISCUSSING AGENDA ITEM ON WORK PROGRAM AFTER JULY 12
SWISS DELEGATION MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IT WOULD FAVOR
RECESSING ON THAT DATE UNLESS "MIRACULOUS PROGRESS" WAS
MADE PRIOR TO JULY 5. MOST WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS
INDICATED RECESS SHOULD BEGIN EITHER JULY 12 OR A FEW DAYS
THEREAFTER. SOVIET BLOC AGAIN STRONGLY REISISTED RECESS
IDEA AND INSISTED THAT WORK COULD BE COMPLETED BY END OF
JULY. ABRAMS

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